

Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1879.

(For the Dispatch.)

Lexington Presbytery.

FIFTH DAY.

The Presbytery met this morning at the appointed hour, and after the usual opening services, reading and singing, the minutes of the report of the Committee on the Standing Committee were read, and unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Publication made a report, and the committee continued.

The stated clerk made a report on systematic benevolence.

The Committee on Education further reported that the stated clerk be directed to report to Dr. Stillman's letter in relation to the education of colored men for the ministry.

Memorials were read in relation to the death of Dr. J. W. K. Handy and Rev. Enoch Thomas.

Rev. Samuel W. Watkins and Rev. Samuel Brown added interesting and touching remarks in relation to the death of these brethren.

The Committee on the Narrative reported. Adopted.

This report presents an encouraging view of the state of religion in our bounds.

The Committee of Domestic Missions made a report. Remarks of a deeply interesting character were submitted by Rev. R. Scott and C. S. Plumer Bryan.

The Committee of Missions were authorized to employ Mr. F. T. Brooke, formerly of Richmond, as an assistant to Mr. Bryan, for Tygart's Valley, for three months.

Rev. Dr. Ewing obtained a dismission to connect himself with Greenbrier Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Beverly, Randolph county, West Virginia, June 5, 1879.

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(Reported for the Dispatch.)

East Hanover Presbytery.

THIRD DAY.

HOLMES'S CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VA.

MAY 2, 1879.

The Permanent Committee complimented the records of the records. All were approved without exception.

The report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, of which Dr. Witherspoon is chairman, showed that this committee had been zealous and efficient in the discharge of the duties committed to them.

They have from the funds of the committee aided thirteen feeble churches in supporting twelve ministers. The contributions of the churches to this cause have advanced from \$1,624, given in 1877-8, to \$2,320 in 1878-9, indicating, says the report, an encouraging interest in the work of missions on the part of our people.

Under the present plan of distribution the amount given, including the salary paid by the Church, is proportioned to the size and expenses of the minister's family, and not to the amount to be expended in the work of the General Assembly's committee to aid other Presbyteries. In view of the fact that sufficient funds cannot be raised to give the churches all the aid they need, the committee recommended the appointment of a ministerial charge.

1. Old Street (Petersburg), Sussex, and Chester—Rev. Alfred Jones. 2. Holmes and Belle Haven—Rev. R. D. Stimson. 3. Makemie and Powellton Mission Station—Rev. J. G. Anderson. Other groupings are recommended when they can be made without disturbing pastoral relations now existing.

The subject of domestic missions, as presented in this report, engaged the earnest attention of the Presbytery, and all the recommendations of the committee were unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Witherspoon, together with a large congregation, heard a trial-sermon for ordination from Mr. J. G. Anderson. At the public worship at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Witherspoon, Mr. Anderson was solemnly ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. Armstrong and the Rev. Mr. Woods were appointed a committee to install him pastor of Makemie church on Sabbath.

In the afternoon Charles Gishelin, candidate for licensure, preached a trial-sermon.

The Rev. Alfred Jones, who has preached for some time in Petersburg, was received by certificate from Lexington Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. Witherspoon and Rev. Mr. Rose were appointed a committee to organize a church in the hands of the Presbytery.

A collection was taken up to aid in the erection of their church building.

The session was closed with prayer by the Rev. Andrew Broadbent, of the Baptist Church.

FOURTH DAY, MAY 3, 1879.

The Rev. W. N. Scott, on behalf of the committee, presented the narrative, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. It presents, on the whole, an encouraging view of the state of the churches.

A circular from the Committee of Publication was received and considered by the Presbytery; and in accordance with its recommendation the Presbytery determined to appoint a presbytery superintendent of Sabbath schools.

The Rev. James P. Smith was appointed to that position.

The Rev. Dr. Witherspoon presented a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, expressing the entire confidence of the Presbytery in the present conduct of the work of publication, recommending the work, efficient and economical management.

All its interests are recognized, and the obligations to the members of this committee for freely giving their time and talents to the judicious and careful supervision of this important work.

Statistics.—The following is a summary taken from the statistical report to the General Assembly: Ministers, 30; deacons, 3; candidates, 1; churches, 20; elders, 130; deacons, 108; additions to church on examination, 208; on certificate, 97; total of communicants, 3,819; adults baptized, 62; baptisms, 123; baptisms, 123; communicants, 1,823; children in Sabbath schools, 4,032; contributions to sustentation, \$2,550; evangelistic fund, \$707; invalid fund, \$403; foreign missions, \$2,782; education, \$4,007; publication, \$326; total, \$24,130.

The death of the Rev. John S. Watt, which occurred since the last meeting, was announced to Presbytery, and a memorial resolution was adopted.

The examination of the candidates, which had engaged the attention of the Presbytery for several days, both through committees in private and in open session, was completed, and after a sermon at 12 M. to-day by Rev. W. N. Scott, Thendrick P. Epes, of Nottingham, and Charles Gishelin, of Norfolk, were licensed to preach as probationers for the gospel ministry.

Mr. Epes obtained leave to preach within the bounds of the Presbytery, and will probably go to Madison and Greene counties.

Mr. Gishelin, after preaching in Charlotte county during the vacation, will return to the Theological Seminary and spend another session in study.

In view of an application from Mr. B. A. Pendleton, presented through his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Read, to be taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, the applicant, not being able to be present, was received by letter.

It was determined that the Presbytery would hold an adjourned meeting in the Second church, Petersburg, on the 17th instant, at 8:30 P. M., the evening before the time appointed for the installation of the Rev. S. R. Winn as pastor of that church.

A communication was received from the Committee of the General Assembly, in response to a letter from the Presbytery, which expresses the desire of the Presby-

tery cordially to cooperate with that committee in its efforts to secure the people against the sin of Sabbath-desecration; and to preach on the observance of that day to the churches the prize essay of the Rev. Dr. Stacy, "The Holy Sabbath," and directing our ministers at an early day to preach on the observance of the Sabbath.

The Presbytery, after a delightful session of four days, adjourned Saturday afternoon. A great deal of business was transacted with due deliberation, but without tedious or idle discussion or needless obstruction.

Rev. B. H. Dupuy preached at night. The attendance of the congregation both on the business sessions and the preaching was unusually large. Both morning and night they filled the church, sometimes to overflowing. Many, too distant to go home and return, brought both dinner and supper for themselves and guests, and the night remains for the most part clear.

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Perkins.

By O. L. MARY.

And the ever-worn-up line folded in each other's arms.

Perhaps in his face, face to face, with arms about each other. In one long, long embrace.

Perhaps they were free while living: In death it is forgot. In death it is forgot. In death it is forgot.

The grand, raging sea. Compassion bore for two. For whether friend, or whether foe, The embrace is sweet and true.

And the waters saw and knew it. And gave them passion. And gave them passion. And gave them passion.

Perhaps. God knows his story. Of peace and love, or war. But friends, or foe, or man and wife, They share one grave and life.

He Giveth His Beloved Sleep. (From the London Christian.)

A careless calm from wear and strife, A calm from all of wrong and evil. A last unliking from the hand of life, In that, the sweetest which the Lord of Life, Gave to His own beloved ones below.

Star, longing for the golden goal. When, long to go beyond the world of years, Were rest a whole reserve land, and sleep, Would drop through dreary death and faint through fairs.

God's blessings are all suited to the need: Cool hours of noisles, drenching sleep precede. The day of sorrowing and of grief, The day of sorrowing and of grief, The day of sorrowing and of grief.

When boom of battle roundly loud and long, When rivers run with dark and deadly sweep, When life's joy less, and each smile and song, Good cheer, when the weather is warm, He sweetly gives His own beloved ones sleep.

When high and strong the pulse of pleasure beats, When joy grows tumultuous with intensity; When rapture roars, and gladness greets Each heart, when the weather is warm, He sweetly gives His own beloved ones sleep.

Of sorrow and of grief, He bestoweth peace: Piled upon His breast, across our brow— Of joy-sleeping, like a breath of calm, God's fingers pass, more soft and soothing than Than morning's sun, and the same dews we know, And sink in slumber, restful, deep, and calm.

The Burial and the Editor. GLACIS.

A burglar climbs an editor's room. Keenly and now is late. And he saw in the dark, uncertain gloom, With light from the window, a pair of trousers, "I'll just freeze to 'em," He chuckled, with a fishy gleam.

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